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CEREMONY FOR VETERANS AT NURSING HOME

"An honor to honor them"

James Hardin, a 90-year-old Navy veteran who lives at Greenridge Place nursing home in Westminster, sheds a tear during a ceremony held for the resident veterans Friday. *RJ Sangosti, The Denver Post*

By John Aguilar *The Denver Post*

They came in wheelchairs, on the arms of others, leaning on walkers — and a few under their own power. Sixteen military vets gathered Friday inside Greenridge Place, a nursing home in Westminster, for a special ceremony recognizing their service to the country the day before Veterans Day.

They received a hand-stitched pillow, a "We Appreciate Our Veterans" certificate and an American flag lapel pin.

It may not seem like much, but it was a gesture that didn't elude 86-year-old Bill Hill, an Idaho native and Army vet who specialized in anti-aircraft duties when he was in the service.

"I think this is good," said Hill, who introduced himself laughingly as Hill Billy, a backward twist on his name. "I sure enjoyed it."

Gerald Haan served in the Air Force and was stationed in Ankara, Turkey, for four years during the mid-1960s. He also spent time at the now-defunct Ent Air Force Base in Colorado Springs.

"It's good," the 77-year-old former Colorado State Patrol officer said, watching a woman perform patriotic songs on a guitar in Greenridge's common room. "It should be done."

The good work at Greenridge was being done by Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, an Illinois-based organization that helps with end-of-life care. Ryan Seals,

VETERANS »8A

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT

State Dem points finger

Winter says fellow Rep. Lebsock tried to get her to leave bar with him.

By John Frank
The Denver Post

Just after midnight, at a bar near the state Capitol, a state lawmaker says Rep. Steve Lebsock discussed sexual acts and tried to grab her by the elbow and get her to leave with him.

"I told him, 'No.' I told him he needed to leave," state Rep. Faith Winter, a Westminster Democrat, told The Denver Post in an interview Friday. "I told him he needed to go home. He started grabbing my elbow. He was trying to get me to go out of the bar. He was very angry."

The alleged sexual harassment occurred in May 2016 as lawmakers celebrated the end of the legislative session at what is known as the Sine Die Party at Stoney's Bar and Grill near downtown Denver.

The tense encounter ended when another lawmaker intervened, but the story remained hushed until Winter came forward Friday, the latest in an ever-growing list of men and women who are confronting their assailants across the country as part of the #MeToo movement.

LEBSOCK »4A

A face-to-face introduction – and reunion

By Kyle Potter
The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, MINN.» Standing in a stately Mayo Clinic library, Lilly Ross reached out and touched the face of a stranger, prodding the rosy cheeks and eyeing the hairless gap in a chin she once had known so well.

"That's why he always grew it so long, so he could try to mesh it together on the chin," she told Andy Sandness, as he shut his eyes and braced for the tickle of her touch on new nerve endings in the face that had been her husband's.

Sixteen months after transplant surgery gave Sandness the face that had belonged to Calen "Rudy" Ross, he met the woman who had agreed to donate her high school sweetheart's visage to a man who lived nearly a decade without one.

The two came together last month in a meeting arranged by the Mayo Clinic, the same place where Sandness underwent a 56-hour surgery that was the clinic's first such transplant. With her toddler, Leonard, in tow, Ross strode toward Sandness, tears welling in her eyes as they tightly embraced.

Ross had fretted before the meeting, fearful of the certain reminders of her husband, who took his own life. But her stress quickly melted away — without Calen's eyes, forehead or strong cheeks, Sandness didn't look like him, she told herself.

FACE »9A

Lilly Ross last month feels the beard of face-transplant recipient Andy Sandness at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Sixteen months ago, Sandness was given the face that had belonged to her husband. *Charlie Neibergall, The Associated Press*

DENVER & THE WEST

MAN SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS IN JAIL OFFERS APOLOGY

A Colorado man who evaded police for 14 hours during a manhunt in March has been sentenced to 35 years in prison after pleading guilty to seven felony charges. Adam Fulford apologized to the family injured during the incident. »2A

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